NEED FOR AN APPROACH ROAD FROM THE CAPE ROAD TO THE KARKAD VILLAGE NEAR SUCHINDRAM.

46. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL : (*a*) Are the Government aware that the Sambavars of Karkad, near Suchindram, Agastisvaram taluk, have been praying for an approach road from their village to the Cape road for the last thirty years and more ?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to remedy their grievances ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI : (*a*) They have been petitioning the Government for a long time.

(*b*) An estimate for Rs. 3,350 has been sanctioned for constructing a road from the Karkad village to the Cape road *via* Kakkamputur along the Suchindram tank, but the Sambavars of Karkad are against the construction of this road.

MR. PAUL V. DANIEL : Are the Government aware that the approach road proposed to be taken will practically be of no use to the villagers of Karkad and that a much shorter road, almost mainly through *poramboke* land, can be taken from Karkad to a point near the Suchindram bridge ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Government have no information.

ORIGINAL PUBLIC WORKS IN THE MUVATTUPUZHA DIVISION.

47. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state with respect to the Muvattupuzha Division, the number and nature of the original public works sanctioned during the last ten years and the total estimated amount therefor ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of such original works sanctioned, undertaken or completed within the last ten years and containing information on the following points :

(1) the name and location of the work ;

(2) the date of sanction of the estimate ;

(3) the date on which budget allotment was made therefor ;

(4) the date on which the work was begun ; and

(5) if the work has not yet been undertaken or completed, the reason for the delay ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI : (*a*) Copy of a report* received from the Chief Engineer, giving the information required by the member, is laid on the table.

(*b*) A statement giving the required information has been received

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from the Chief Engineer. It is too long to be printed and placed on the table. It will be made available for the perusal of the member when he wishes to do so.

MR. A. GOVINDA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to supply me with a written copy of the statement?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The member will be allowed to have one.

EXPENDITURE UNDER MINOR IRRIGATION FROM 1095 TO 1097.

48. MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what proportion of the actual expenditure under "Public Works" has been incurred under "minor irrigation" in the State during 1095 and 1096 and to the end of 1097?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state under what terms and conditions they were prepared to restore and improve the minor and major irrigation tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk and whether they have spent any amount towards such restoration or improvement in 1095, 1096 or 1097?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) A statement† is laid on the table. which furnishes the necessary details for 1095 and 1096. The year 1097 has not yet closed.

(*b*) The matter is still under correspondence.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Is it a fact that early this year certain terms and conditions were imposed by the Tahsildar of the Neyyattinkara taluk, before the ryots were asked to take any part in the irrigation works, and, if so, what those terms were?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: I want notice.

APPENDIX I.

[*Vide* ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 47.]

Original Public Works in the Muvattupuzha Division.

Government have sanctioned during the last 10 years estimates for 463 "Works" relating to the division for a total amount of Rs. 34,80,762, under the following service heads:—

(1)	Buildings ...	232
(2)	Communications ...	201
(3)	Miscellaneous Public Improvements...	15
(4)	Minor irrigation ...	15
		463

(Sd.) R. EVERARD,
Chief Engineer.

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